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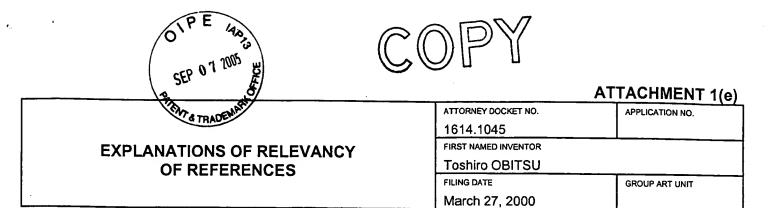
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U.S. Reference AA, attached hereto, corresponds to Japanese references AI, AJ and AK, also attached hereto.

None of the listed references disclose an electronic apparatus of realizing a desired function by combining a plurality of units in which a judging part judges whether a combination of the plurality of units is to realize the desired function and a power supply control part controls a supply of powe4r from a power source to at least one of the units of the combination used to realize the desired function based on a judgement result of the judging part.

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